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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action dated March 8, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.